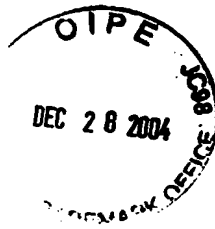


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SIR:

Responsive to the outstanding Office Action issued September 29, 2004, the time for response thereto being extended by virtue of the petition and extension fees submitted herewith, withdrawal of the rejection of all claims as anticipated or obvious, over U.S. Patent 6,233,087, Hawkins, alone or in view of secondary reference U.S. Patent 5,311,360, Bloom, is respectfully requested. Further, Declaration of an Interference between the above-captioned patent application and U.S. Patent 6,169,624, as requested in Applicants' Request for Declaration of Interference filed with the above-captioned application is appropriate.